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Sir :

Responsive to the Office Action of November 13, 2009, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end February 16, 2010 (February 13, 2010 falling on a Saturday and February 15, 2010 being a Federal Holiday), no extension of time is believed necessary. However, the Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.